



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : SECURE POSTAGE PAYMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 6, 2006, the time for reply having been extended to October 6 by the concurrently-submitted petition for a two-month extension of time, please enter the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.